

I just heard that the cellular service companies want the FCC to delay or cancel implementation of phone number portability.

As far as I can tell, doing this would only benefit the cellular service companies, by supporting exclusive monopolistic situations.

Whereas, allowing portability would force the companies to increase competition with each other to have customers. This would lower prices, and increase services to customers.

I don't trust the companies argument that it would be too costly, they quickly can make feature changes in their services and they can track phone numbers when roaming. Additionally, portability already exists overseas, so this is not a technical issue.

In summary, I see delays only benefitting companies and harming consumers. This does NOT promote the general welfare as indicated in the constitution.

Please implement cell phone number portability immediately, and reject any phone company requests for cancellation or delay.

thank you

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